

SOUTHERN TRAILS

OCTOBER 2024



AGM

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER



DIRECTORY

GENERAL MEETINGS

Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin at
7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General meetings are where Club members and visitors can meet and get information on past and future Club activities in an informal atmosphere. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest, and reports on past trips. Visitors can introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation. Many members gather before the meeting to enjoy a meal or a drink at the club.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

An important element, some may say the lifeblood of the Club, is our trips and events calendar. Any member can run a trip or event once approved by the Committee, it's a very rewarding experience.

If you've been thinking of booking a trip or event, head to the How to Book for a Trip section of the website where you will find step by step instructions. You can propose your trip or event using the Online Form and there is a wealth of material in the Information for Trip Leaders page and also from experienced trip leaders who are always keen to help you run your trip or event successfully.

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

Membership fees are paid through the Club's website. For other financial transactions, the Club's bank account details are:

Bank: Bank Australia

Account Name: ST4WDC

BSB Number: 313 140

Account Number: 1213 0617

When transferring payments please include your name and the reason for the transfer, e.g. "J Smith clothing"

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Website:

Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at www.st4wdc.com.au.

Facebook:

The ST4WDC page includes posts regarding Club activities and sponsors www.facebook.com/st4wdc/

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Contribute to ST4WDC monthly newsletter. Trip reports, member profiles, relevant articles, and classified advertisements are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations. Closing date for contributions is the first Tuesday of the month. Send contributions to publications@st4wdc.com.au

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CODE OF ETHICS



ST4WDC agrees with the Four Wheel Drive Australia Code of Ethics as we promote responsible four wheel driving. We should all observe and support this Code of Ethics. Remember, image is difficult to change.



- Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
- Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply. Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
- Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
- Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
- Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
- Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found. Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent emergency contact by radio or satellite.
- Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
- Support four-wheel drive touring as a legitimate family activity.
- Consider joining an affiliated four-wheel drive Club.

This Code supports the National Recreational Four Wheel Drive Vehicle Policy. Produced by [Four Wheel Drive Australia](#) in the interest of promoting responsible vehicle use. For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact the [Secretary](#)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY ANDY SQUIRE

October. Right into spring and daylight savings just round the corner. That extra hour is great for my solar production, but I hate how it fades the curtains. And footy finals. I don't really follow the AFL, but thought since it was the Grand Final and I was crook so couldn't go out in the sun I would have a look. First quarter was OK. Then I somehow missed the next two, and woke up just in time to see the end of the third and thought, wow, that must have been good. Maybe only if you're a Lions supporter though.

And this weekend we have the NRL Grand Final. I probably won't be able to watch it since I'm heading to the Wattagans on a club trip. I've watched a few videos on YouTube of 4WDs in the Wattagans and think there might be the odd clench coming. Even allowing for the plonkas that do the dumb stuff just to get the spectacular footage. Hopefully I survive. I'll let you know.

Last month the report from me was 'No Report From Andy'. Yeah. Sorry about that. Apart from forgetting, once reminded to do it it was too late as I was away for the weekend on a trip over to Wyangla dam. Really cool camping by the water, and some interesting tracks around the region. But it is definitely a water ski and dirt bike area and I suspect would be pretty ordinary in summer unless those were your things. Oh. And loud music and fireworks. The AGM is just round the corner. I know I bang on about it and the Committee and only getting out of the club what you put in. So I won't do it again. But I will say a big thanks to the outgoing Committee for their efforts and contributions over the last 12 months. Next

month you might have someone else dribbling on in this section. Who knows? One thing I know is it won't be me. Even if I am President again I won't be here in November. Well, not unless things go horribly wrong between now and then. Bron and I have a trip to Antarctica booked. Skiing, midnight sunbathing, camping in an igloo. Should be fun. Just hope we don't get eaten by a Polar Bear. Or sea-sick. I don't normally do cruises.

At the last club meeting our Chief Instructor and Education Coordinator had the pleasure of awarding their Certificates to a new group of Driving Instructors who have finished the DTU Trainee Instructor program. They go through a fairly intense 'apprenticeship scheme' and have to demonstrate a range of competencies and knowledge. For some, due to timing of training courses and their life commitments, this meant a 4 year slog (the curriculum requires a minimum of 2 to be able to participate in and complete all the relevant training activities). So to them, another HUGE thank you. Without them we wouldn't have the DTU that we do, or the ability to train all our new and existing members as well as we do. And another big thank you to the existing DTU members who have supported and mentored the new instructors (as well as performing their normal Instructor roles with new students/members). And particular thanks to our Chief Instructor PB for his guidance, and to Bron our Education Coordinator for all her efforts to perform the myriad administration and coordination tasks necessary to get them through. I really feel that our training program is in good hands and good stead for the next several years.

And that's probably it from me this month. So see you at the AGM or on the tracks. And remember, now we can say "Finally my winter fat is gone. Now I have spring rolls."

Andy, guess we will see you on your return as there are not too many polar bears in the Antarctica - see some people do read your column!! - Ed.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

BY LYNNE DONALDSON

Welcome

to new members who joined the Club in September

Please welcome the following new member:

Danny Hansen – Isuzu Mux
Valentina Colombo and Kim Knowles – Lexus GX
Returning Member
George and Janelle Drakakis – Nissan Patrol

Spring has well and truly sprung!

Perfect time to get out and go for a drive, picnic or sit somewhere where you find peace and enjoyment 😊.

I have decided to put my hand up for another year as Membership Secretary. Looking forward to working with a new committee. Being part of the committee and having an active part of running the Club is very gratifying. The most enjoyable part of my role is meeting the new members and making them feel welcome.

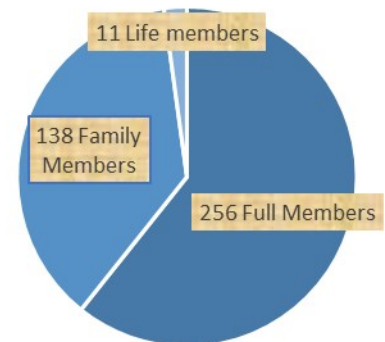
There are a few social happenings on the calendar.

The End of Year celebration this year is happening at Kowen Forest, if you can make it that would be great! Its always a lot of fun, playing games and generally enjoying each other's company. Perfect place also to make new like-minded friends.

In recognition of your dedication to the Club, we now have stickers that celebrate the number of years you have been in the club. These years are 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and life membership stickers. Come and see me at a Club meeting to get yours.

When your membership renewal is due, please hop onto the website and renew through the renewal form. You can also update your profile this way too.

Membership - Total 405 Members



numbers as of 30/09/2024

If you have family members and have children that have reached 21 years of age, they now need to upgrade to a full member or else be removed from your profile. If this is the case, could you please contact me to discuss.

If you need a new club sticker, come and see me at a meeting.

Membership benefits

Please remember that several businesses in Canberra advertise with us and will give you sound advice as a ST4WDC member when you purchase your 4wd and camping gear. Make sure you mention you are a member at participating stores! Check out a full list of Advertisers on our web site and within the newsletter.

Many thanks to the club members that have assisted at the visitor's table. Having other members on the table welcoming and informing visitors about what we do in the club is extremely helpful to me and is much appreciated by all visitors.

If you see a new face at a meeting or someone looking a little lost, say G'day 😊. It takes only a few minutes to possibly make someone feel welcome and connected.

If you have any Membership queries or want to have a chat, do not hesitate to contact me membership@st4dc.com.au or 0412 251 528.

Till next month,

Lynne

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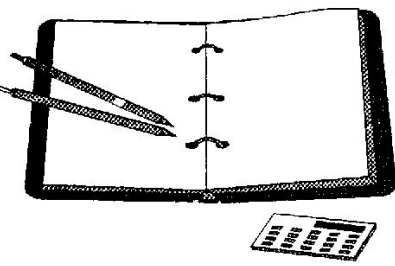
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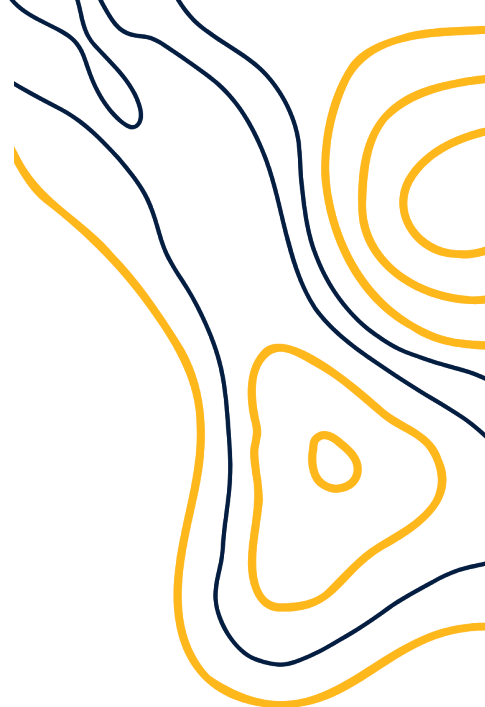
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From the Events Co-ordinator's ...Diary



Well, 1997 is now upon us all and it promises to be a big year. The trip calendar has another **NINETEEN** events added, including trips being run by another **FOUR** new trip leaders - well done to all those concerned. A special thanks also to those running the harder grade trips, which helps to balance out the trip program.

I will be chasing up a number of new and old trip leaders to boost the calendar further for the period to July, so if you are even just thinking of running a trip give me a call. Remember that we have our trip leaders handbook to help those who might need it - just call or Email me to get a copy. Could we please have some more 'non-driving' events, such as line dancing, movies, dinners etc - these are very popular in the colder months.

Next month will be my last as Events Coordinator. Reluctantly I have to stand down at the AGM in March because I am undertaking postgraduate study and just cannot find the time to do this and do the Coordinator job justice. I strongly encourage anyone who is thinking of standing for a position on the committee (and in particular the Events Coordinator job) to discuss this with me or any others on the current committee. I am sure you will receive a lot of support from all concerned.

Keep smiling and safe driving.

Mark Neal
ST4WDC Events Coordinator
January 1997

Date TBA

Yerranderie Ghost Town

Trip leader:

Graham McKenzie 2411822

Trip grading:

2 (or 3 if really wet)

No. vehicles:

TBA

Fuel:

Full tank from the Big Merino

Departure: TBA

Comments:

Due to high demand this is a re-run of the trip staged earlier this year. Located alongside the Blue Mountains National Park the privately owned Yerranderie 'Ghost Town' is a special place where you can catch a bit of history and generally relax and have a good time. Take a guided tour of the old buildings and memorabilia from the mining times when the place was a major hub of activity, or go on walks along nearby tracks. There is an historic cemetery nearby. The very good camping area, which has full facilities, has been booked for the event (cost \$9 per adult / \$4.50 child under 12). Contact Graham for more details.

22/23 Feb

Bemboka NP and Brogo Dam

Trip leader:

Val and Rhonda Brusensky 231 9878 (h)

Trip grading:

Grade 3 (4 if it rains)

Max No. vehicles:

8

Maps:

Yankee Gap, Bemboka

Fuel:

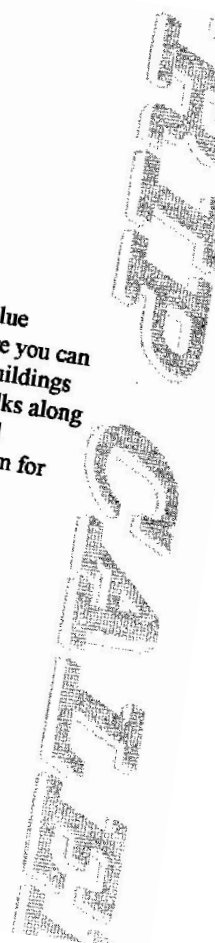
Full tank

Departure:

8.00 am Saturday at Williamsdale

Requirements:

Must have at least an AM CB and basic recovery gear (discuss with Val).



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS 4WD CLUB MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1997

TO BE HELD AT THE QUEANBEYAN SHOWGROUND

The 4WD Market/Swap Day Committee requires **HELP** from club members to provide a successful day on Sunday 9 February. We shall need volunteers for the following roles :-

marking sites on Friday evening and Saturday - done with lawn mowers. Can you bring a lawn mower? The 200 sites are 6 x 8 m.

Sunday, commencing 6.30am - gate keeping, parking, club tent display (small compared to 1996 Promo Day), ice cream sales, club volunteer refreshment tent, and clean up. Shifts are to be of a 2 hour duration. **Please phone Shirley Pennington or Jenny Collins if you will be able to assist on the day.**

Entry will be free to Club volunteers & refreshments will be available.

Club members who wish to have a site on the day are welcome to prepay and reserve their own site. Sites are \$10.00 and this includes vehicle entry + driver & passenger. Site plans are controlled by Shirley and Jenny.

The ACT 4WD & Landrover Clubs have been invited to set up a club display on the day and charity organisations have been invited to provide catering for the event.

Pamphlets will be available at the December Club meeting for distribution.

Please encourage any member of the public to come and purchase a site on the day to sell any second hand recreational goods and anything else - not restricted to 4WD equipment. We are also approaching club advertisers to have a commercial site to sell & display items and there will be a special area set aside for owners wishing to advertise vehicles.

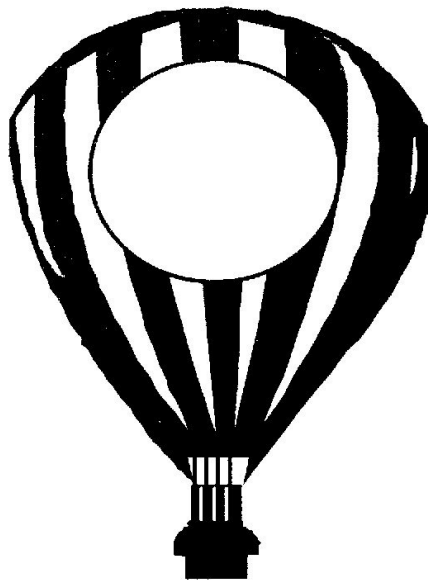
The committee comprises Chris Nicholls (241-27766), Stuart Goddard (258-7597), Jenny & Bruce to contact any of them if you have any queries about

Editor's Note:

This promises to be an excellent day!! Come on out and give yet another venture! And pick up some bargains as well!

CANBERRA FESTIVAL BALLOON RETRIEVAL

8-17th March 1997



Once again the Canberra Festival Committee has requested that our Club provide a balloon retrieval vehicle facility for overseas and interstate balloonists during the 10 days of the Canberra Festival. ST4WD is, as such, an official sponsor of the Balloon Festival.

Our involvement includes being on site beside the National Science Centre (Questacon) with 4WD and trailer at around 6.00am each morning, helping the balloon crew launch the balloon, follow terrestrially the course of your balloon and collect the balloon from its landing site for return to the launch area.

There is also a reception for the balloonists, usually the Friday evening before the Festival Week, an evening Balloon Glow preceding the traditional SkyFire program, and sundry receptions by Chief Minister, etc.

Rewards include a sustaining daily breakfast, a flight in your team's balloon (or another if yours is too small or too popular) weather permitting, plus the chance to meet interesting pilots & aficionados from the weird and wonderful world of ballooning. Problems that led to some retrieval crews remaining flightless last year are being vigorously addressed this year.

At present the Festival Committee is looking for retrievers for nine overseas or interstate balloons. While this number might increase if more entries are confirmed, there is every reason to expect that ST4WD members who cannot retrieve for the whole period can share

Cateract Challenge Dib! Dib!

Wal Williams 2543747 (h); 2025331 (w); 2531567 (fx); Email walwil@atrax.net.au

Grade 1. **Max No. vehicles:** Unlimited. The more the merrier!

Canberra to Sydney **Fuel:** Full tank; fuel available at Appin.

8.00 am opposite Eaglehawk Resort Motel.

Comments:

Here is something different to be shared with all the family. An adventure weekend at Cateract Park Scout Activity Centre at Appin, just off the Hume Highway between Campbelltown and Wollongong. No 4WD driving this time, but bags of fun. The weekend is self catered. Events include: bushwalking, archery, boomerang throwing, BMX track (bikes/helmets provided), waterslide, Challenge Valley (a 'confidence' course built by the Army for the World Scout Jamboree with 18 obstacles - be prepared to get dirty!), pioneering team event (teams build their own chariot to race then dismantle them to build a catapult to throw waterbombs at the other teams!). Events are supervised by qualified instructors and attract nominal fees. Our own campsite (fee applies) will have plenty of room and firewood. This is set to be a BIG event, so call Wal now for more details as he needs numbers to organise events etc.

22-23 Mar

Cruiser Khana 1997

Organiser:

Toyota Landcruiser Club of Victoria

Location:

The Landcruiser Club's property at

Comments:

This is the Vic Landcruiser's annual 'non-damaging skills based' (not necessarily to see who does it the fastest but to test driver skills and there is prizemoney as a bonus. Our club is sending a team, so can't go alone) members along. Costs apply. Call 03-98443700 for bookings at

McIntyre's Hut

14-15 December 1996

Participants:

Val & Rhonda Brusenky
Ian & Linda Miller
Chris & Julie Nicholls
Edward Zeller
Kyle Rollinson

Trip Leaders
Trip Authors

GQ Patrol
GQ Patrol
Mazda
Pajero
Rocky

The day started off bad with us being 10 minutes late. I hate it when you arrive and everyone's waiting for you, that shrinking feeling.

In the past we had a reputation for going home with a wet tent, but not this time we had perfect weather all weekend. We departed Uriarra Homestead at 8.00am and had a nice steady drive up Blue Range Road to pick up Two Sticks Road onto the intersection of Well's Ridge Road and McIntyre's Road where we had morning tea.

It was at this stage that I rectified a radio problem I was having. I was unable up to this point to transmit on my AM set. I must take the prize for the "biggest goose"! I switched the AM & UHF aerials around and had no more problems.

After a cuppa, a munch and a chat it was off for the final leg into McIntyre's. Since my last trip to McIntyre's the track has been graded in certain areas. Now all the fun bits are gone, but it was still a pleasant trip, no hiccups.

We arrived at our tranquil destination and promptly set up our tents and then began our vegging, while some slept, some read, and some ate. Chris tried his hand at fly fishing, catching three but throwing them back as they were too small.

All in all we just lapped up a great setting on a perfect day and rounded off the day sitting around the campfire.

We departed the following morning at 10.30am, on the way up the hill of McIntyre's, Kyle asked Val over the radio "Which way should I go at this junction - right or left?" Val thinking Kyles was further down the hill than he was, said "Turn right". He didn't get very far, Val had sent him up a "spoon drain!!" After a short delay, we were on our way again.

We had decided earlier that we would go home a different way, so we travelled along Webb's Ridge track to Flea Creek where we stayed for a while and had lunch. It was very pleasant spot but far too many people.

After we had eaten we made the ascent out of the valley onto the Brindabella Road where we said our goodbyes. I'd like to thank everyone for the good company and I'd like to thank Val & Rhonda for having us along.

SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Hi All

Yay, the warmer weather finally seems to be sticking around. To take advantage of this, the socialites have organised a few get togethers that can be found on the website as follows,

- 12 October - Paint and Pino Thomas Boyd Trackhead
- 17 October - Social night at the Kingston Hotel
- 26 October - Bredbo Pub and Christmas Barn
- 8 November - Barefoot bowls at the RUC Turner
- 6 December - 2024 Christmas Party Kowen Forest

The next Socialites meeting will be held on 22 October at the Ainslie Football Club, we will be finalising details for the Christmas Party and get togethers for the New Year.

Cheers
Sarah

TRIP REPORTS AND MEMBER ARTICLES

The Southern Trails newsletter captures the photos and experiences of members' and Club trips. It is only as good as the stories and images sent in for publication. If you have been on a trip, remember to share your observations, how your equipment and rig handled the track, the fun, the oh-nos and what you learned. Trip leaders, remind everyone to get back to you quickly and then send participant feedback with an overview of the tracks travelled in a trip report.

The Southern Tablelands 4 Wheel Drive Club has one of the best 4WD club newsletters. And that is thanks to the emphasis on sharing trip reports. There is room for your opinion pieces, questions to the Club on tracks, equipment advice, or advice about places that make great adventures.

You can send all articles and requests for advice to publications@st4wdc.com.au



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- **QUESTIONS ON EQUIPMENT AND TRIPS**
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TIPS FOR YOUR TRIP REPORT

Include these suggestions to create a great report



Expectations

Was this a new trip for you? What did you do to prepare? Why did you decide to join the trip?



Your vehicle and gear

What are you driving? How did it handle the tracks? What equipment did you bring, and what should you remember for next time?



Something memorable

What was special about the trip? Triumphs, fantastic sights, oopsies, lessons learned?



Tell a story

Take everyone on the adventure with you. Any local history to share?



Write it ASAP

The best time to capture the good stuff from a trip is as soon as you get home. It's fresh in your memory and sending it quickly helps your Trip Leader.



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2024 AGM

In case you haven't read it anywhere else, the ST4WDC AGM is on at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, 3 Grose St. Deakin ACT.

HEMA UPDATE

Hema have released a new update to the HEMA Premium Maps, The new update is HEMA Premium Version 5 Quarter 2.

Any questions contact Michael at trips@st4wdc.com

FREE MEAL

If you present a trip report at a Club meeting, at the next Club meeting you will get your meal paid for by the ST4WDC. See Roland, the Club Secretary, for details.



Do you know what UHF channels can be used?

EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S TIPS AND TRICKS

Bron Squire, the ST4WDC Education Coordinator, has provided the table of information below.

| UHF Channel Guide | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Channel | Type | General Use |
| 1 to 4 | Duplex | Repeater Output |
| 5 | Duplex | EMERGENCY USE ONLY - Repeater Output |
| 6 to 8 | Duplex | Repeater Output |
| 9 | Simplex | General Use |
| 10 | Simplex | National Parks & 4WD Convoys |
| 11 | Simplex | Call Channel |
| 12 to 17 | Simplex | General Use |
| 18 | Simplex | Caravan & Camper Convoy Channel |
| 19 to 21 | Simplex | General Use |
| 22 & 23 | Data | DATA ONLY |
| 24 to 28 | Simplex | General Use |
| 29 | Simplex | Highway Channel (Road Safety Syd - Bris) |
| 30 | Simplex | General Use |
| 31 to 34 | Duplex | Repeater Input |
| 35 | Duplex | EMERGENCY USE ONLY - Repeater Input |
| 36 to 38 | Duplex | Repeater Input |
| 39 | Simplex | General Use |
| 40 | Simplex | Highway Channel (truckies) |
| 41 to 48 | Duplex | Repeater Output |
| 49 to 60 | Simplex | General Use |
| 61 to 63 | | Reserved for Future Expansion |
| 64 to 70 | Simplex | General Use |
| 71 to 78 | Duplex | Repeater Input |
| 79 & 80 | Simplex | General Use |



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Member Spotlight

on

Sid Rankin

How long have you been a member?

A bit over 6 months

Why did you join the ST4WDC?

To meet new people and have fun!

In what way have you or do you contribute to the club?

We belong to the Social Club and like to help out at Taloogee



Member Spotlight

What trips are on your bucket list?

Any trip would be good!

What was your most enjoyable trip?

Basic Training

Anything you would like to add?

I'm looking forward to joining in on lots of adventures

What have you found to be the best part of joining the ST4WDC?

The people. We haven't had the opportunity to join any trips

CLUB MEETINGS

7-30pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month

Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin, ACT

September Meeting

New driver trainers received their graduation certificates



October Meeting -

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8 October at 7-30pm

Deakin Football Club

November Meeting

Mathew Linnane, from Hema, will be attending the meeting and talking about

- 1) The new HX-2+ Navigator & Accessories
- 2) The HEMA Alpha Program
- 3) Map Patrol

ST4WDC Trip of The Month (TOTM)

by Michael Patrick

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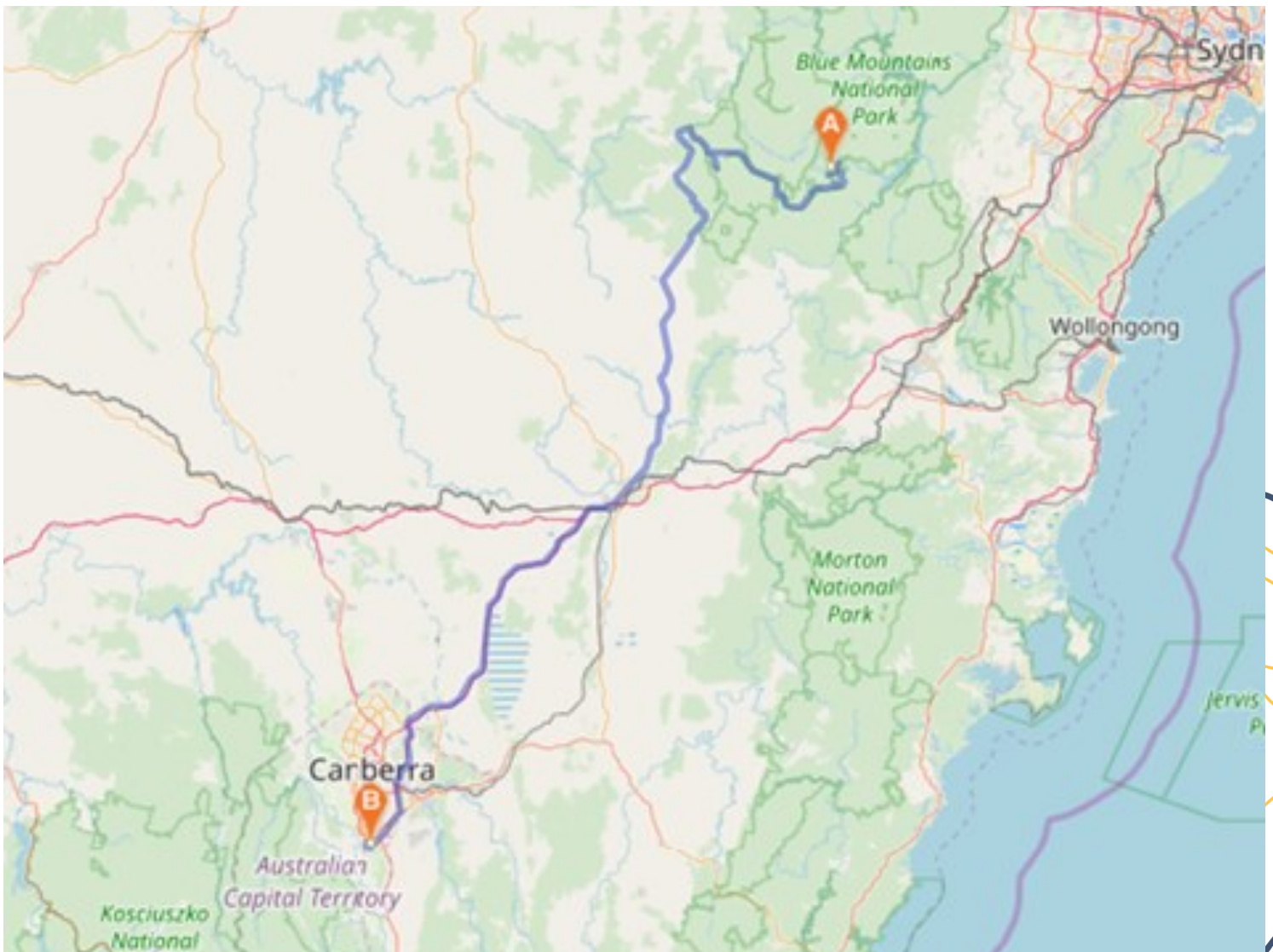
Welcome to the TOTM. Each month in the newsletter I will list an easy trip for club members who want to lead a day trip. If you are interested in leading this trip, please contact the Trips and Events Coordinator for the trip details. This month's trip is:-

Yerranderie Private Town

Yerranderie Private Town is one of NSW's most authentic, unchanged silver mining ghost towns, having been carefully preserved to retain its historic past. Accessed via 4WD Oberon Colong historic stock route, the buildings, including the post office, tailor shop, general store, bank and residential cottages, have been restored to their original condition as accurately as possible, and the displays are all of genuine relics collected by miners over the decades.

Take a tour of the nearby silver mining fields, the most prominent of which are Silver Peak Mine, Colon Peak Mine, Wonga Mine and Wollondilly Mine. A bridge has been installed across the top of one of the large mineshafts on Silver Peak Mine, so you can gaze right down into the mine.

It's also a great spot to see interesting wildlife, as the township is set in a large sanctuary with mobs of grey kangaroos, Wombats, Wallabies, Wallaroos and mountain birds in natural bushland. Stay overnight at Private Town campground and enjoy scenic bushwalking in the adjacent wilderness area.



TRIPS AND EVENTS

Please check www.st4wdc.com.au and consult with the Trip Leader to confirm details before attending.
Contact trips@st4wdc.com.au for more information.

| Title | Type | Grade | Trip Leader | From | To |
|--|----------------|---------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Vehicle and Recovery Equipment Evaluation | Event | NR | Bronwyn Squire | 8-Oct-24 | 8-Oct-24 |
| Paint and Pino | Trip | Grade 2 | Nicole Hermansen | 12-Oct-24 | 13-Oct-24 |
| Social night at the Kingston Hotel | Social Event | NR | Sarah Wallace | 17-Oct-24 | 17-Oct-24 |
| Basic Winching and Recovery Course | Training | Grade 3 | Bronwyn Squire | 18-Oct-24 | 20-Oct-24 |
| Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course | Training | Grade 3 | Bronwyn Squire | 18-Oct-24 | 20-Oct-24 |
| Talooge Muster | Talooge Muster | NR | Michael Patrick | 18-Oct-24 | 20-Oct-24 |
| Tentworld Darche and Oztent BBQ | Social Event | NR | Matt Warmington | 19-Oct-24 | 20-Oct-24 |
| Socialites meeting | Social Event | NR | Sarah Wallace | 22-Oct-24 | 22-Oct-24 |
| Bredbo Pub and Christmas Barn | Trip | Grade 3 | Sue Phillips | 26-Oct-24 | 27-Oct-24 |
| “Safe One” Basic Driver Training Course | Training | NR | Bronwyn Squire | 30-Oct-24 | 1-Nov-24 |
| “Safe One” Basic Driver Training Course | Training | NR | Bronwyn Squire | 1-Nov-24 | 3-Nov-24 |
| Barefoot Bowls | Social Event | NR | Sarah Wallace | 8-Nov-24 | 8-Nov-24 |
| McKillops Bridge and Delegate River Tunnel | Trip | Grade 2 | Bruce Ronning | 9-Nov-24 | 10-Nov-24 |
| Brindabella Ramble | Trip | Grade 3 | Troy Larke | 10-Nov-24 | 10-Nov-24 |
| Vehicle and Recovery Equipment Evaluation | Event | NR | Bronwyn Squire | 12-Nov-24 | 12-Nov-24 |
| Vic High Country Ramble 2024 | Trip | Grade 4 | Michael Patrick | 16-Nov-24 | 23-Nov-24 |
| Limestone Creek Camping | Trip | Grade 4 | Bruce Ronning | 30-Nov-24 | 1-Dec-24 |
| 2024 Christmas Party | Trip | Grade 2 | Sarah Wallace | 6-Dec-24 | 8-Dec-24 |
| Vehicle and Recovery Equipment Evaluation | Event | NR | Bronwyn Squire | 10-Dec-24 | 10-Dec-24 |
| Murder Mystery in The Wonnangatta Valley | Trip | Grade 4 | Michael Patrick | 16-Mar-25 | 23-Mar-25 |
| Exploring Outback NSW | Trip | Grade 3 | Debbie Davidson | 29-Mar-25 | 12-Apr-25 |

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TRIPS AND EVENTS

BECOME A TRIP LEADER



WE NEED YOU FOR AN ADVENTURE!!

The backbone of any Four-Wheel Drive Club is the Trip Leaders (TL's) because if you have no Trip Leaders you have no trips and with no trips you have no Four-Wheel Drive Club. Some Facts:

- The Trip Leader workshop, Trip Leader manual and the Trip Leader checklist, are available tools to **assist** members who want to become Trip Leaders.
- Members think that they must do the workshop to become TL's, this **is not correct**. Any member can propose and lead a trip (however, the trip is subject to Committee approval).
- The Manual may appear lengthy and complicated, but it's not – it's just a tool.

The workshop, manual, and checklist are tools to assist TL's better manage a trip. The workshop is run by experienced TL's and covers the following:

- **Role of the Trip Leader**
- **Expectations of trip participants**
- **Planning a trip**
- **Trip Proposal**
- **Running a trip**
- **Managing member expectations**
- **Incident management**
- **Trip reporting**

We also have mentors available who can advise and assist new TL's in planning and running the trip. If any members are interested in running a trip please contact :

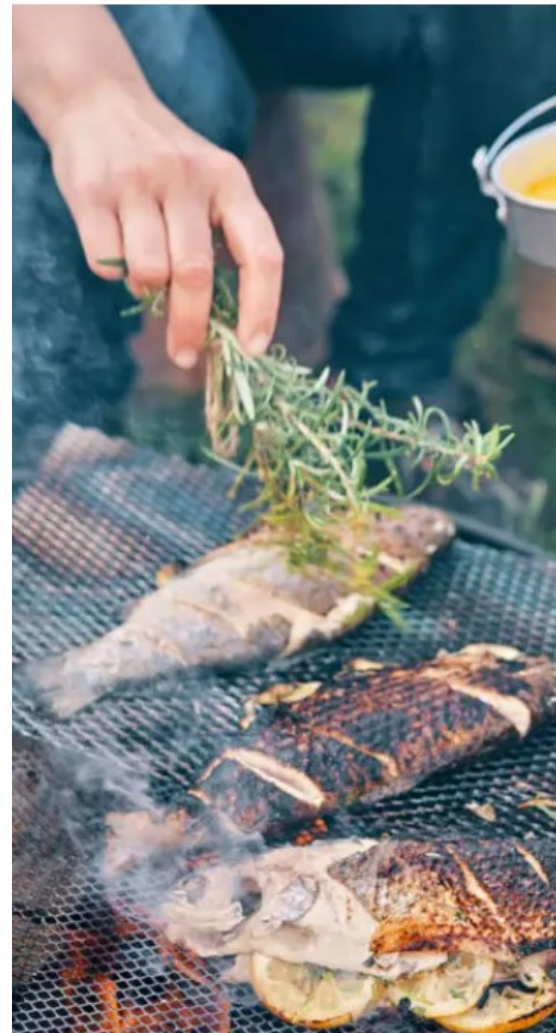
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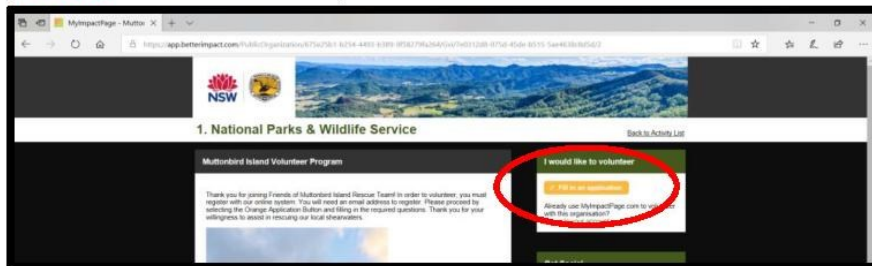
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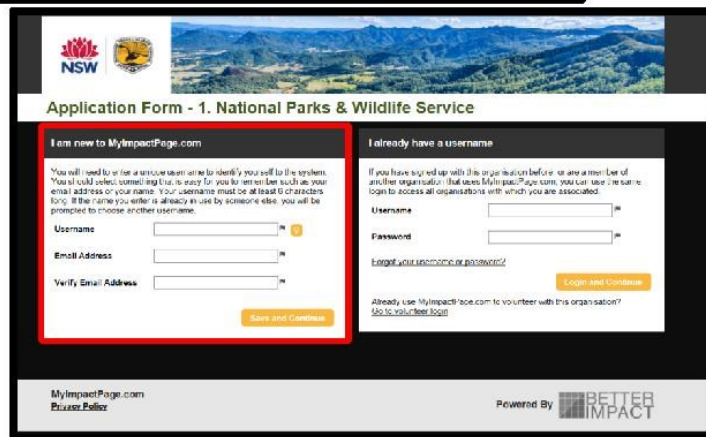
Volunteer Registration

NPWS has a new online volunteer management system called VIP. Please follow the instruction below to register in the system. The process should take 5-10 minutes.

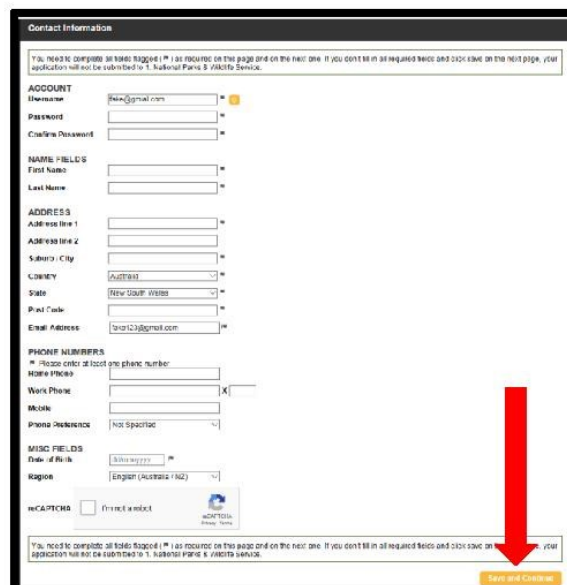
1. Go to this link: <https://4wdnow.com/pages/volunteer-sign-up-with-national-parks>
2. Hit the YELLOW "FILL IN APPLICATION" Button on the right of the screen. (red circle in screen shot below)



3. Create an account by filling in the form "I am new to MyImpactPage.com" (See this area in red rectangle to right). Use your EMAIL as your username. Click yellow SAVE AND CONTINUE button when you are finished.



4. Fill in the CONTACT INFORMATION form to the best of your abilities. The fields with FLAGS are required. Then Press the yellow SAVE AND CONTINUE button at the bottom of the page (red arrow in photo to right - you might need to scroll down to see it).



5. Another screen will pop up with multiple questions. Fill in the questions. Ones with FLAGS are required. Put N/A if it is required but you have no answer. Scroll down and continue to answer questions. After you have filled in the questions to the best of your ability, you will find the "SUBMIT APPLICATION" yellow button at the bottom of the page. Press this button and an APPLICATION COMPLETE confirmation screen will appear.

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